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Title: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR  
PACKING AND BI-DIRECTIONAL COOLING  
OF PRODUCE

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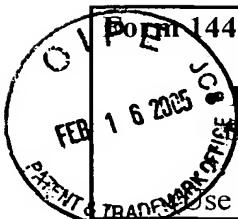
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